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General Freeman, General Watson and Ambassador Dowling
from General Wheeler.Reference: SX-5919. *L 7404*

1. (S) General Norstad considers that your forthcoming visit with General Yakubovsky is most important because it continues a valuable relationship and channel of personal communication between very senior commanders. This means of communication will be used, of course, only very occasionally for matters of serious moment. This fact heightens rather than reduces the necessity that the relations between the two commanders be based from the outset upon a solid foundation of

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mutual respect. In consonance with these views, the tenor of your meeting with General Yakubovsky should be compatible with the dignity and prestige of two military commanders of very senior rank. Specifically, discussions should be conducted with confidence and calmness and on a high level, avoiding carping criticisms and gripes about petty matters. Any other attitude would derogate the importance of the occasion and the dignity of the two principals.

2. (S) General Norstad's views concerning your specific proposals in the cited reference, keyed to pertinent paragraphs of the reference, are as follows:

a. Paragraph 2a(1) - Agree.

b. Paragraph 2a(2) - Do not agree. It would impair your position to state that you are not competent to deal with the problem. You should state that you think this is a matter to be dealt with by the commandants; that you know Watson's views and he knows yours; that you have full confidence in Watson; that to take the settlement of this matter from the hands of Generals Watson and Solovyev, who are able and senior officers, would be to degrade them and evidence a lack of confidence in their competence.

c. Paragraph 2a(3) - Agree.

d. Paragraph 2a(4) - Do not agree. It is inconsistent with paragraph 2a(3) of reference and with comments set forth above on paragraph 2a(2) to lay down conditions during your meeting with General Yakubovsky for normalizing of relationships between the commandants.

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e. Paragraph 2b(1) - Use only if General Yakubovsky raises the point.

In such case, merely note that things have been running smoothly during recent weeks.

f. Paragraph 2b(2) - If General Yakubovsky makes only a general comment,

state merely that you are pleased that things have been going well in recent weeks.

However, if General Yakubovsky raises details of procedures, you should reject outright the imposition of unilateral procedures. If he criticizes our actions, you should reject his criticism calmly but clearly and with force.

g. Paragraph 2b(3) - Agree.

h. Paragraph 2c - Agree.

i. Paragraph 2d - In amplification of your proposal, if General Yakubovsky raises the question of a return visit, you should point out politely that you have just taken over your position that, as he will appreciate, you have an extremely full program in order to learn the details of your responsibilities; that you had to rearrange your schedule as he knows in order to attend the present meeting; and that it will take time to ascertain just when would be most suitable for both of you. You should avoid any specifics as to when or where a further meeting might take place.

3. (C) Photographs may be taken of your meeting with General Yakubovsky if he so desires. This, of course, you cannot avoid or object to with propriety. However, you should be on guard against "cozy" poses. By this, I mean a picture of you smiling broadly and exhibiting any undue pleasure at the meeting. Publication of such a picture could be harmful at least with European public opinion.

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On the other hand, there can be no valid objection to pictures depicting serious, dignified and military attitudes.

4. (C) We realize that most, if not all, of these points will have occurred to you. Further, we believe that by character and experience you are outstandingly qualified for this type of exercise. Should unanticipated problems arise in the course of the meeting, you will be superbly armed by your own instincts and judgment.

5. (U) SCP 4.

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